

18 March 1953

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Mediterranean Bureau, FBIS Post Office Box 1 Kyrenia, Cyprus

Dear

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The enclosed letter from Mariott and Reuters item were both received at the same time. Although the letter indicates that funds for Stockholm will not be available to BBC, the Reuters item mentions 10,000 pounds additional for monitoring of Soviet and Satellite broadcasts. We are speculating here as to whether this means that funds for Stockholm were provided after all.

I have not answered Marriott's letter.

Sincerely,

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F.B.I.S. 2430 E Street, N.W., Washington, 25, D. C.

9th March 1953

Dear

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I think I ought to tell you, with regard to the Stockholm Project for monitoring from the Baltic area, that things have not progressed as favourably as we had hoped when last I wrote to you on this matter. We have met with a definite refusal from our Treasury to increase the total expenditure on monitoring, and it is difficult at the moment to see what economies could be made without taking away something both you and we consider to be of at least equal importance. The last work has not yet been spoken and I have not yet given up hope that we shall eventually be able to get the Stockholm monitoring started, but whatever the outcome there are bound to be more delays and we shall certainly not be able to start at the beginning of this financial year as we had hoped.

I will be able to tell you more about the position when you come over here, but I thought I ought to let you know now how matters stand.

Yours sincerely,

R. D. Marriott

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FYI LONDON REUTERS RADIOTELETYPE IN ENGLISH TO NEW YORK
ON MAR. 17 1953 AT 1802 GMT BROADCAST AN ITEM OF WHICH THE
FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY: LONDON--PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL'S
GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY IT WILL SPEND MORE MONEY ON EDUCATION
AND BROADCASTING SERVICES IN THE COMING YEAR.

THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION WILL GET 17,550,000
STERLING THIS YEAR, A 1,300,000-STERLING RAISE. THE CORPORATION
WILL SPEND 150,000 STERLING ON THE INCREASE ON OVERSEAS RADIO
SERVICES AND 10,000 STERLING MORE ON MONITORING FOREIGN
BROADCASTS, MAINLY THOSE FROM RUSSIA AND THE COMMUNIST
SATELLITES. END SUMMARY.

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